

# Korean Coursework

Designed to develop elementary spoken Korean language, reading and writing in Hangeul, and the practical skills required to effectively use the modern language. The relationship between language and culture will also be emphasized. Includes an emphasis on the culture, customs, and traditions of Korea. Korean 2A & 2B is not offered at Sac State.

## Ten Great Reasons to Learn Korean

1. Korean is the **17th most widely spoken language** in the world with approx. 80 Million native speakers. South Korea is also the 13th largest economy in the world and it's a beautiful and dynamic country. So, if you want to travel to Korea or want to study, work or do business there, you should consider learning Korean language.
2. The Korean alphabet **Hangeul is really easy to learn**. You can learn it in an hour or two. All the characters are combinations of straight lines or circles.
3. The **pronunciation system** in Korean not random like in English. The relationship between the spelling and pronunciation of words is very scientific in Korean. There are very logical and scientific rules of pronunciations which may be difficult to learn in the beginning, but once you learn them the chances of pronouncing any word incorrectly are very low.
4. **Korean grammar** might be difficult to learn for native English speakers as it follows SOV pattern. But once you understand the concept it's really easy. The verb always comes in the end; that's most important. Other elements of the sentence have specific particles attached to them, so even if you change their order in the sentence, the meaning doesn't change (though it may sound unnatural). Ex. John eats apple. John (+Subject particle) + Apple (+Obj. particle) + Eat (present form).
5. In Korean language, the **verb forms do not change according to singular or plural subjects** (unlike English, Hindi and many other languages).
6. Unlike languages like Hindi or French, **there is no concept of gender (of nouns) in Korean**. The gender of nouns don't affect the other elements of the sentence.
7. There are **no specific intonations to learn** (like in Chinese and some other languages).
8. Korean has a very comprehensive system of **Honorifics**, which may be intimidating in the beginning but it gets interesting later and helps you understand Korean culture and society better There are several levels of honorifics which are used according to the social factors like age, status, solidarity, context etc. If you are not sure it's better to use the honorific forms with everyone, to be on the safe side.



*Seoul's Namdaemun or "Great South Gate" dates back to the 14th century.*

9. The lone words from English (Known as **Konglish**) are widely used and understood in Korea. So when you are short of proper vocabulary use the English word and chances are that you will be understood.
10. After learning Korean, you will be able to **understand your favourite K-pop song lyrics and Korean drama** dialogues better. Though you can still enjoy them using English subtitles, understanding Korean language will take the pleasure to another level as you will be able to understand subtle nuances and emotions.
11. The Department of World Languages & Literatures is pleased to offer beginning and intermediate courses in Korean.

## Fall 2019 Schedule

<u>Course</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Mtg. Days</u>	<u>Start &amp; End Time</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
KORN 1A (80705)	01	5	MND 1024 MRP 1002 WEB/ONLINE	MWF R T	10-10:50AM 10:30-11:20AM -	Han

### **Fall 2019 Course Offering** (*please note scheduling pattern*)

**KORN 1A** - Elementary Korean – 1 Section (5 units) – Currently offered in Fall only

Resources:

- [Course Syllabus](#) (Fall 2018)
- Textbook: *Sogang Korean 1A Student's Book; Sogang Korean 1A Workbook*

#### **Learning Objectives**

- Understand and learn the orthographic and phonetic systems, grammar, and syntax of the language, and vocabulary.
- Demonstrate a foundation in all aspects of the language, including speaking, listening, reading, and writing
- Understand the social and cultural contexts of the language
- Express simple ideas such as attributes, identities, locations, time, days, and various activities.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the conventions and methods of the study of the humanities.
- Investigate, describe, and analyze the roles and effects of human culture and understanding in the development of human societies.
- Compare and analyze various conceptions of humankind.
- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the historical development of cultures and civilizations, including their animating ideas and values.

## Spring 2020 Course Offering (*please note scheduling pattern*)

**KORN 1B\*** – Elementary Korean – 1 Section (4 units) – Currently offered in Spring only

Resources:

- [Course Syllabus](#) (Spring 2019)

Continuation of KORN 1A. Develops elementary spoken Korean language, reading and writing in Hangul, and the practice skills required to effectively use the modern language. The relationship between language and culture will also be emphasized. Includes an emphasis on the culture, customs, and traditions of Korea.

**\*Note:** Meets the Foreign Language Graduation Proficiency Requirement. **Prerequisite:** KORN 1A or instructor's permission.

### Peer Language Practitioners Program (PLP)

Room: MRP 2032T

[PLP Sign-Up Form](#)

Website: [www.csus.edu/plp](http://www.csus.edu/plp)

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### Scholarship Opportunities

For more information on requirements as well as the application process, students are required to apply through the [Sac State Scholarship Portal](#).

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